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## FREEHOLDERS ESTABLISH CHILDREN'S HEALTH & WELFARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

(SALEM, NJ)—Freeholder Deputy Director David T. Lindenmuth, Chair of the County Public Safety Committee, and Freeholder Jeffrey J. Hogan, Chair of the County Health & Social Services Committee, today announced that the Board of Chosen Freeholders have established the Children's Health & Welfare Advisory Council at their regular meeting on September 3, 2008. The purpose of the council is to work with social service agencies, educational institutions, health care providers, religious organizations, municipalities and other groups interested in improving the lives of children in Salem County.

"The health and welfare of our children is our most precious responsibility," said Deputy Director David Lindenmuth. "The Council's task will be to advise the Board of Chosen Freeholders on how we can enact policies that will ensure that our children have the resources and support they need to achieve their God-given potential."

The Council will identify problems uniquely affecting children and advise the Board of Chosen Freeholders and various interested agencies as to solutions, assist in obtaining grants, and coordinate cooperative efforts within the County.

"The Freeholders will not be satisfied until every child is loved and achieves their dreams," said Freeholder Jeffrey J. Hogan. "Healthcare for children is not a luxury, but a necessity. This Council will seek to develop innovative ways to improve the health of our children and make Salem County the leader in improving the lives of our children."

The Council will consist ten members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Council members will receive no monetary stipend for their service. The Freeholders are asking all those interested in serving on the Advisory Council to submit their letter of interest and resume to the Robin Weinstein, Deputy County Administrator, 94 Market Street, Salem, NJ 08079 by September 19, 2008.